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Osteopathic Oath

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and trive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the applications of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Campus

Academic Center

Science Center

University Doctors Pavilion

University Education Center

University-Affiliated Medical Centers

Kennedy Health System ● Stratford

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Kennedy Health System ● Cherry Hill

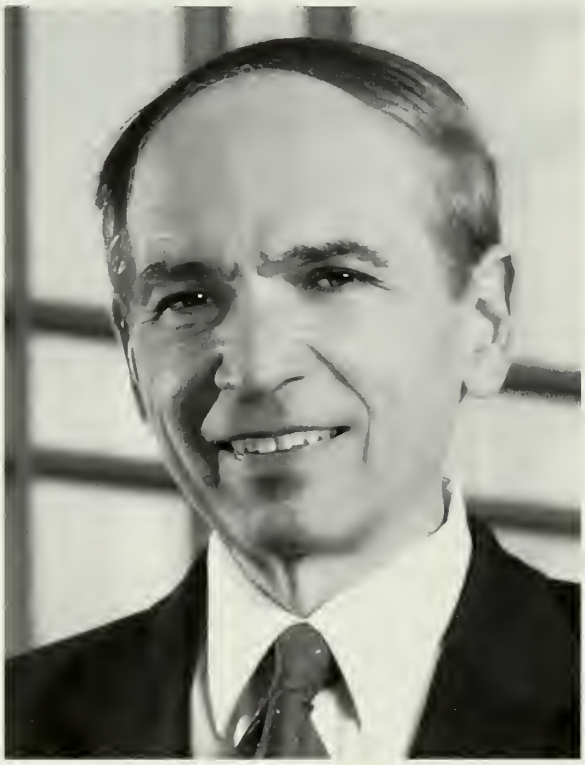
Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center ● Camden

Kennedy Health System ● Washington Township

St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center ● Paterson

Dean's Message to the Class of 2009

Congratulations to you- the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2009! I am very proud of each one of you for achieving this milestone. I hope you look back on your time at UMDNJ-SOM with fond memories of student life, your fellow graduates, the faculty, learning and ultimately earning your Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. Although graduation is often associated with the end of your efforts, this is truly a beginning in many ways. You are entering a new stage of your life where you will apply your unique skills to relieve suffering and always, continue to learn. Regardless of the discipline or area of medicine you aspire to practice, be passionate about learning and most importantly, committed to healing.



Thomas A. Cavalieri, D.O., FACOI, FACP
Dean
School of Osteopathic Medicine

You have embarked on your medical career during the most extraordinary time in the history of medicine. Not only will you benefit from having received your medical education and training at the nation's finest osteopathic medical school, but you will also benefit from the abundance of research, invention, and technology that is available today to eradicate disease and prevent illness more effectively than ever.

Remember always, no drug can replace the empathy and healing hands of a well-trained, attentive and dedicated osteopathic physician. Also remember, each time you see a patient, you reaffirm the great oath you took at Convocation calling for you to respect and safeguard each patient you encounter. I know that you have been fully prepared to meet every challenge and possess the knowledge and skills to achieve all of your goals of becoming great physicians.

The tremendous commitment and involvement in our school by our growing alumni sends a powerful message of their appreciation for how SOM has prepared them for their professional achievements, as well as their belief in the excellence yet to come at UMDNJ-SOM. It has been my privilege and honor to have been afforded this opportunity to serve you.

On behalf of the administration, I welcome you to the Alumni Association and trust that you will always consider yourself an important part of of the UMDNJ-SOM family.

Congratulations to you and best wishes in all of your professional endeavors.

Thomas A. Cavalieri D.O.

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The Class of 2009 at Accepted Students Day.

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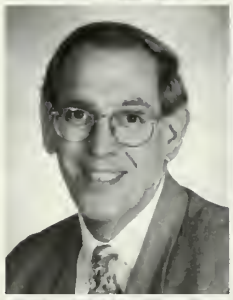

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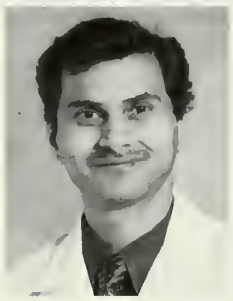

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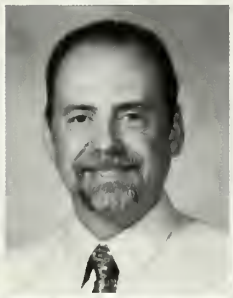

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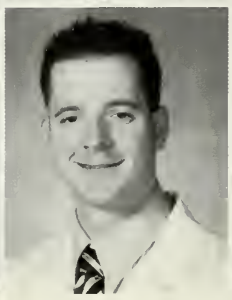

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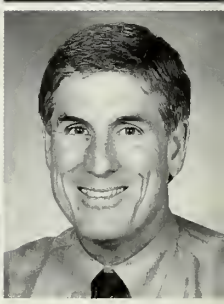

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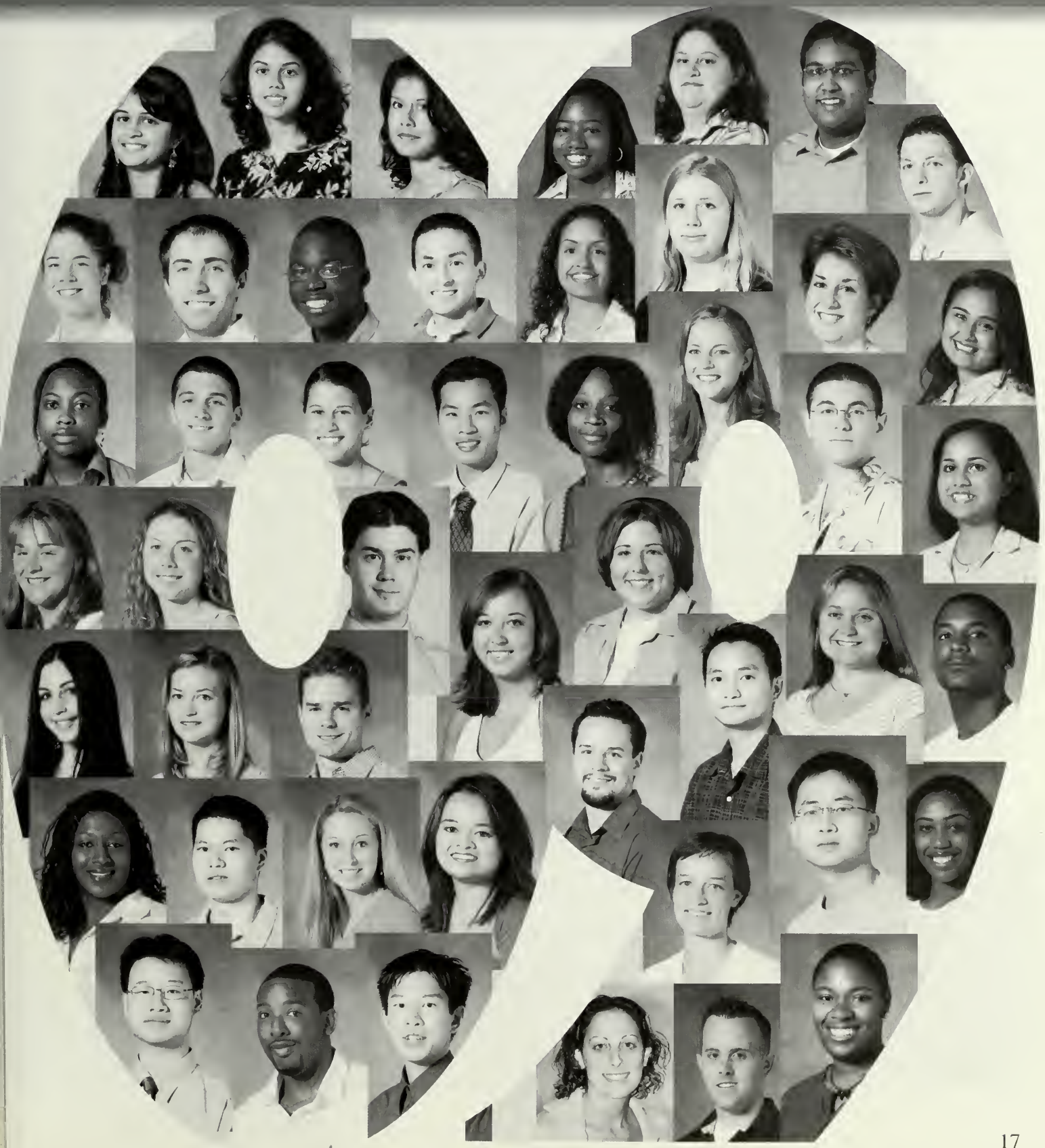
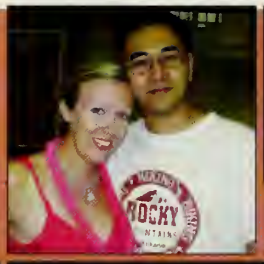
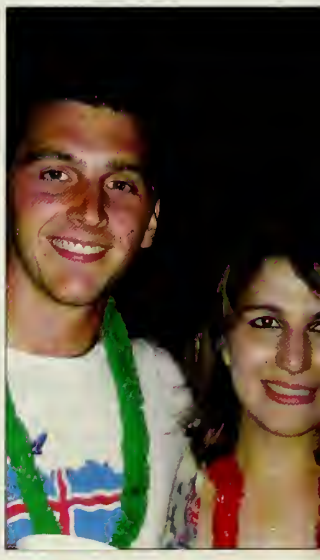
Introducing the Class of 2009

...And memories we made at SOM

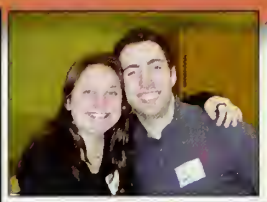


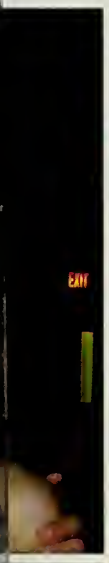
Kicking it off with a Luau

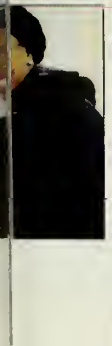




Fueling our brains WITH FREE FOOD!







Rolling in the hay

Bringing out our alter ego

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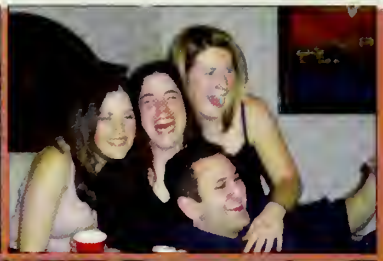
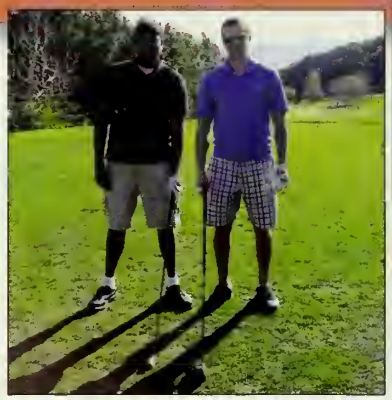
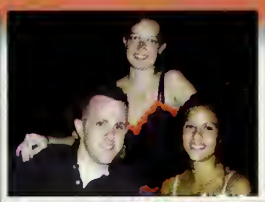
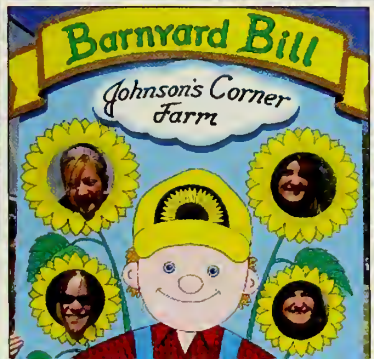
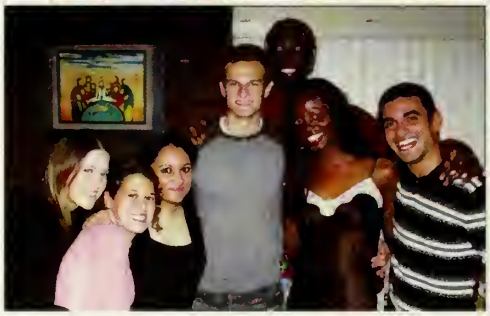


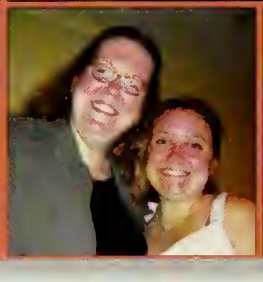


Doctors at play!









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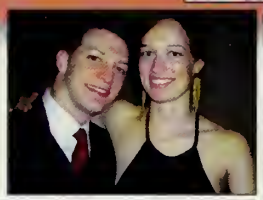
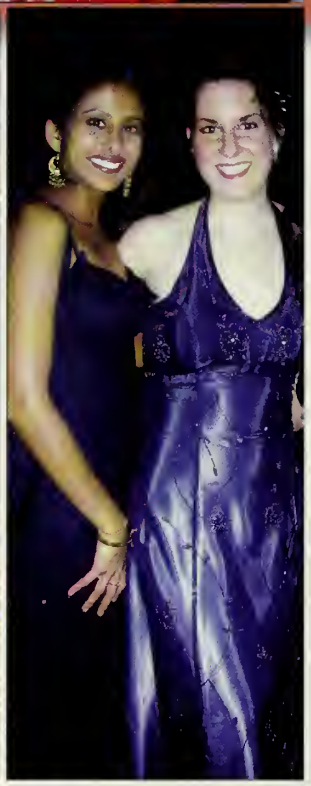
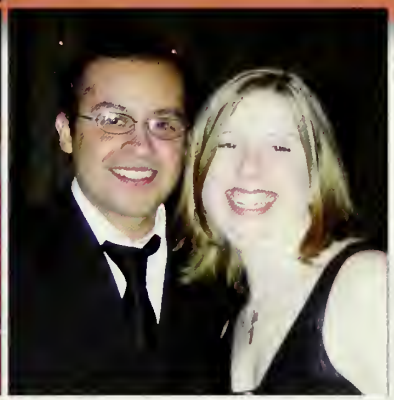
Keeping us sane (since 2005)

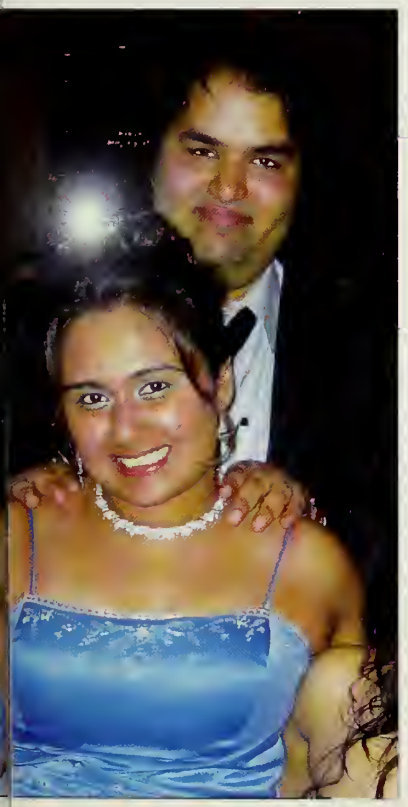
Out of our scrubs...

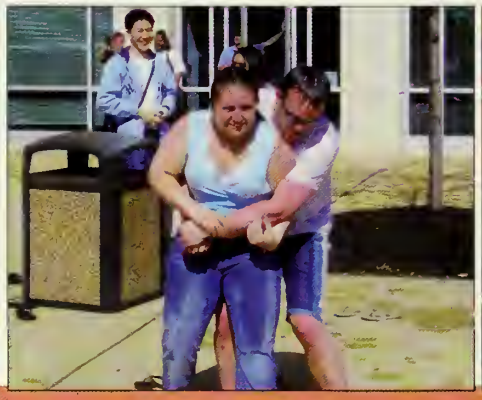
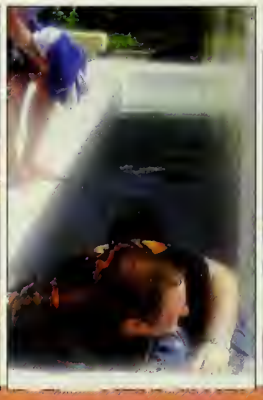




And into our suits and gowns





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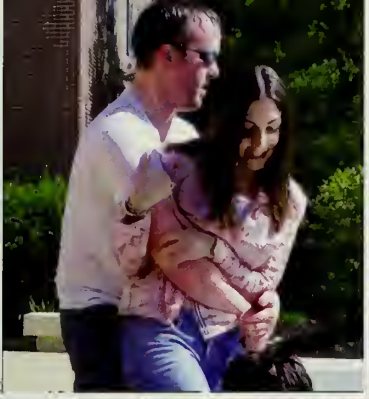
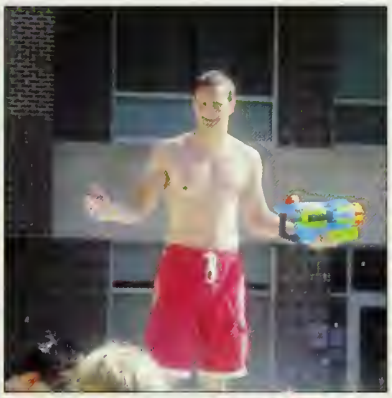
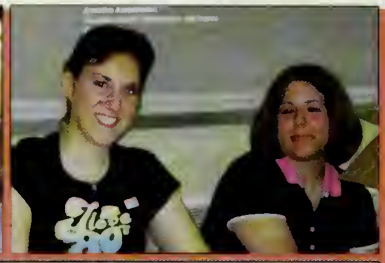
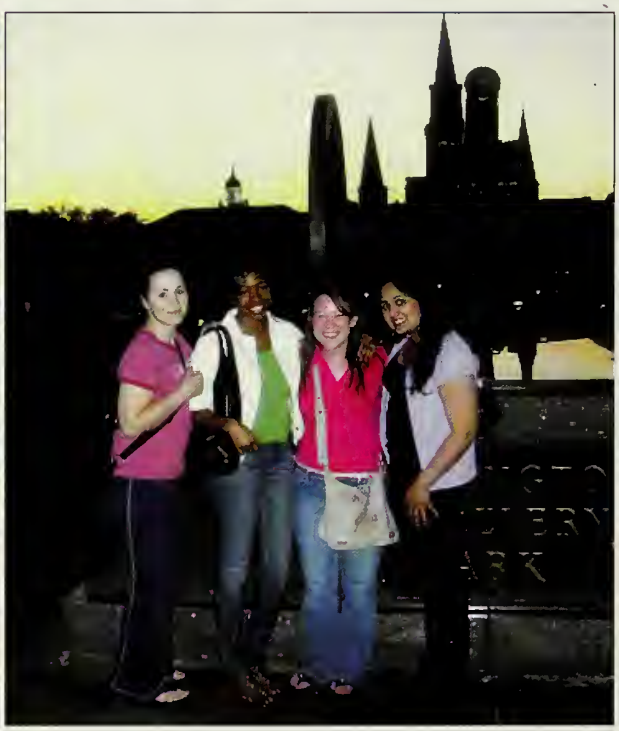


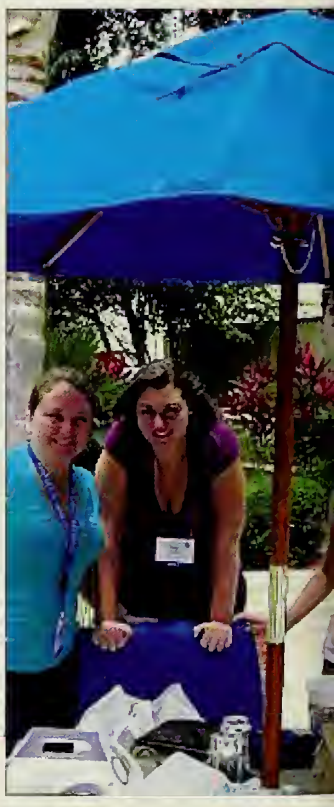


Splashing into the fountain

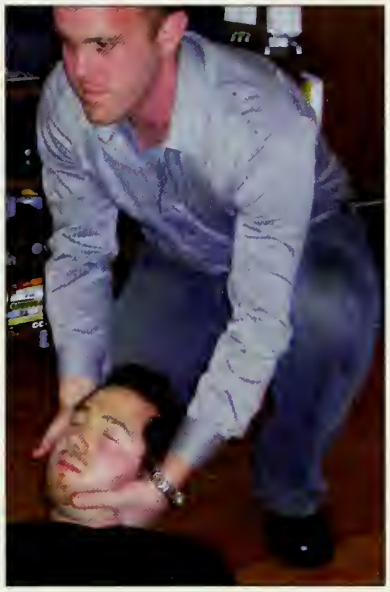
Making a difference

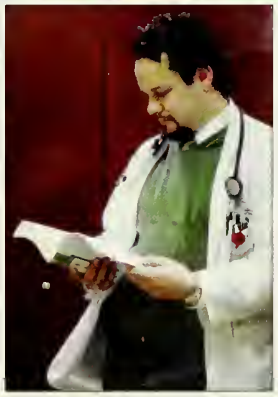






Healing our community





Presenting the "*Most Likely To...*" Awards

Most likely to ask a question about this award, or anything else (even after the longest lectures):

Carl Henderson

Most likely to stimulate the economy with good business:

Emelynn Fajardo

Most likely to sleep through their pager:

Chudy Okafor

Most likely to smell like the anatomy lab:

Rosemarie Robledo

Most likely to remain a bachelor for life:

Lanvin Taylor

Most likely to refer to himself in the third person:

Lanvin Taylor

Most likely to have a stress-induced MI at the age of 30:

Kevin Gershuny

Most likely to knit a sweater for her patients:

Sarah Nitka

Most likely to wear stilettos with her scrubs:

Dakeya Jordan

Most likely to be found in the library after graduation:

Daesoon Acker

Most likely to fall asleep on rounds:

Henry Law

Most likely to remember your birthday:

Cynthia Isedeh

Most likely to not be in class:

Josh Curran

Most likely to overdose on caffeine:

Rachel Blumberg

Most likely to own hula print scrubs:

Ed Shadiack

Most likely to have lots of free scrubs in her closet:

Stacey Esterow

Most likely to work while on the golf course:

Denny Duryea

Least likely to be seen frowning...ever...:

Jing Moy & Dien Ton-That

Most likely to be found battling a fictional family of superheroes:

Shawn Stapp

Most likely to be seen holding a doll at graduation:

Aisha Bailey

Most likely to whistle heart sounds through her nose:

Kristen Carlo

Most likely to kiss butt on his way to the top:

Debkumar Sarkar

Most likely to intimidate medical students in the OR:

Nathan Amor

NOT PICTURED:

Most likely to wear Crocs made out of the finest leather:

Greg Ladele

Most likely to offer his opinion (even when not asked)

Ryan Smith

Most likely to show up late:

Sabreen Stephens

Most likely to perform OMM during a code, with his Bluetooth on, of course!:

Jon Torres

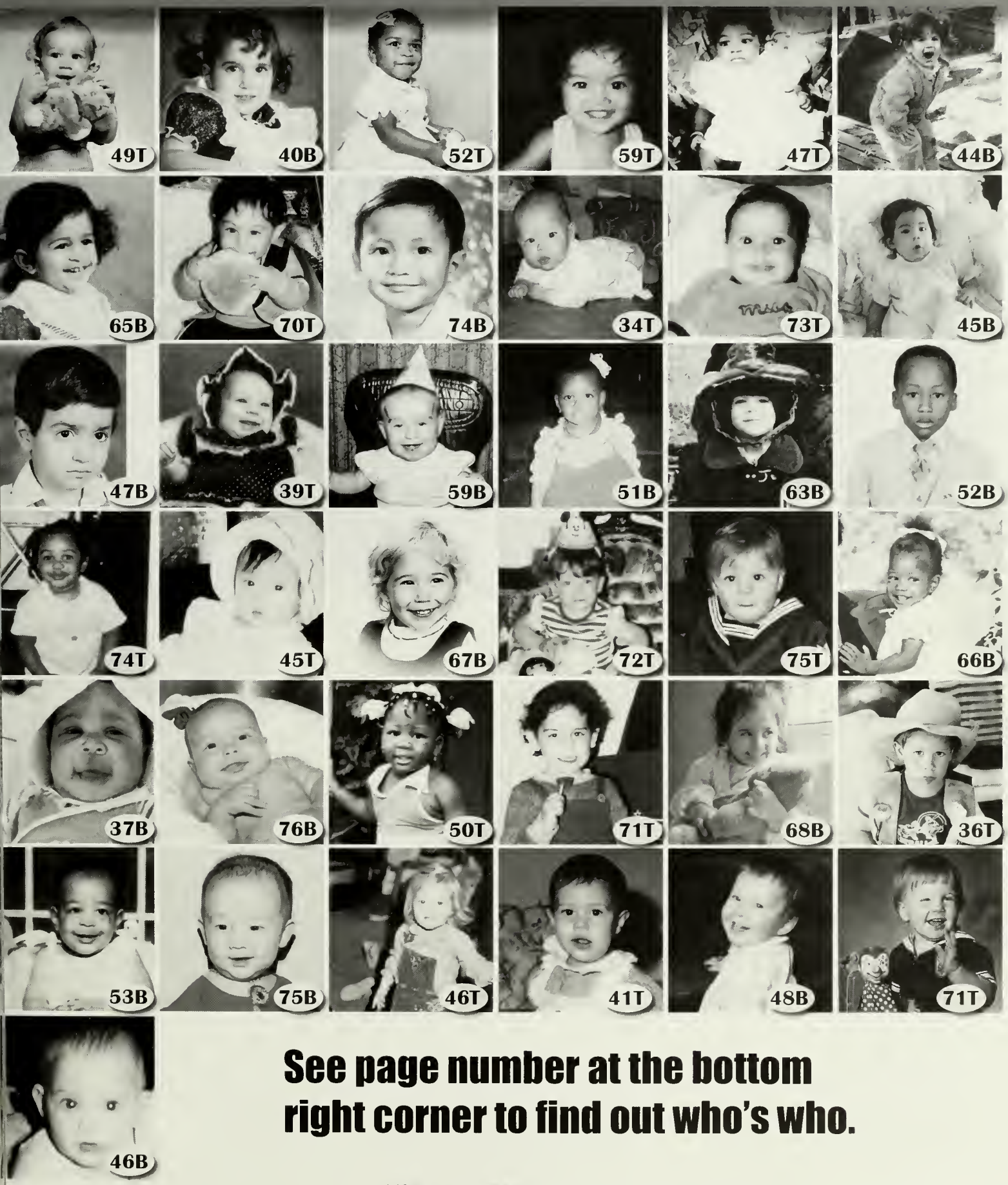
Most likely to have their own talk show:

Christine James

Most likely to take call wearing sandals:

Peter Yeh

Can you guess who?



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I just want to thank my friends, professors, and the school for making my experience here both memorable and fun. The past four years have probably been some of the most unforgettable and challenging times of my life, which I think has helped shape me into the kind of person and doctor I can be proud of. It has been a privilege to share my experiences here with many of you, and I thank you all again.

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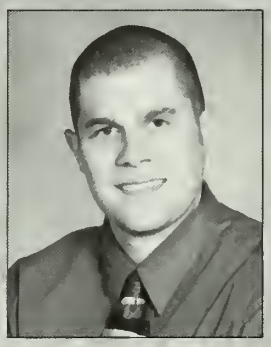
To my family and friends, you are the reason I've gotten this far. Thank you for always believing that I was capable of doing great things. I love you all. To my classmates, congratulations! I wish all of you the best of luck in residency and life.

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." - Ferris Bueller



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To my friends, thank you for all the good times we've had and all the memories you've helped to create. To my parents and family, thank you for shaping me into the man I am today. And to my wife, thank you for your love and support, I couldn't have done it without you. I love you all.

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"90% of medicine is practical; the other half is trial and error."

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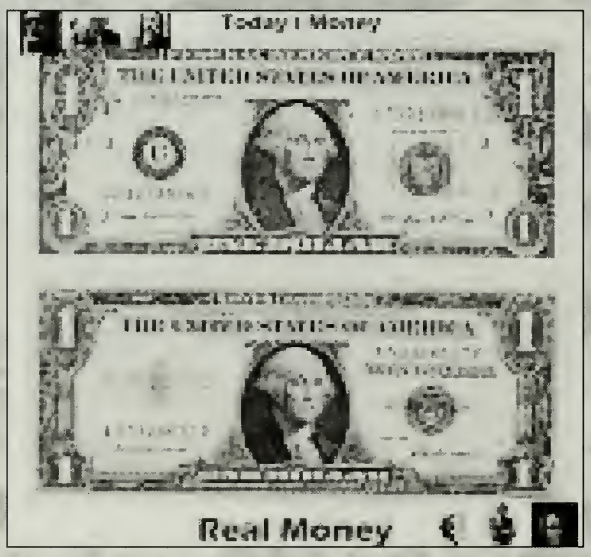
"Gold is money, nothing else!" -J.P. Morgan (Co-founder of the Federal Reserve in 1913)

"The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it." -Albert Einstein

"Truth is treason in the empire of lies." -A distinguished congressman from Texas



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Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

It is only by faith in my Savior Jesus Christ that I am thankful to celebrate this day of my graduation. I am forever grateful for the love, support, and endless words of encouragement that I have received from my beautiful wife, loving family and loyal friends throughout my years in medical school. I thank you all.

Timothy 4:7 "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

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I would like to thank everyone who supported me through this journey. Especially my mother who spent countless hours with me, while I stressed over the phone. I am so excited to have fulfilled my dream of becoming a doctor and could not have done it with out the support of my friends and family. I hope I have made you all proud and inspire you to fulfill your dreams as much as you inspired me to fulfill mine.

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"As soon as you trust yourself, you will know how to live."
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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"We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be."
- Kurt Vonnegut, Mother Night

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To My Family: Thank you for the unconditional love and support you have given me. I could not be who I am today without you. "The love of a family is life's greatest blessing."

To Mitch: You are my best friend, my soul mate. I love you always. Thank you for never giving up on me but most of all thank you for Charlie.

To My Friends: These past four years would not be the same without you guys. Thanks for all the memories!

David L. Carola, D.O.

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"It was a pleasure being a part of such a fun-loving, bright, and supportive class. Best of luck to everyone in your residencies and beyond! And for those of you cool enough to make beautiful southern New Jersey your home, I look forward to working with you for years to come!"

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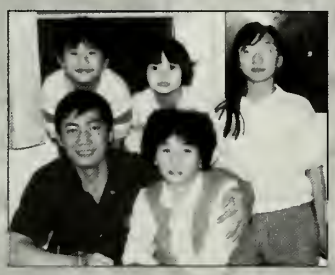
I like to thank my friends and family for their continuous love and support. Best of luck to my classmates in their future endeavors and to remember me, think of this proverb; if there's a will, there's a WEI!



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"What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evenings, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything." - Pedro Arrupe

"The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease." - Voltaire

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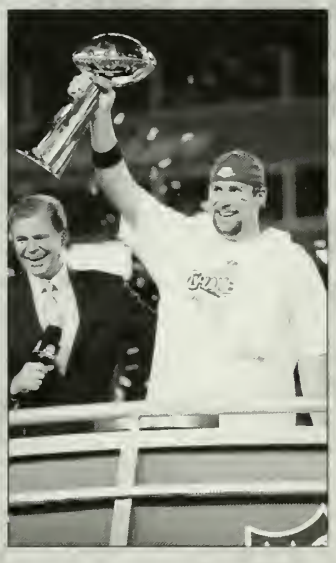
You'd better tell the Captain we've got to land as soon as we can. This woman has to be gotten to a hospital. A hospital? What is it? It's a big building with patients, but that's not important right now.



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"No matter where life takes you, never forget where you came from." – Dad
"Always chase your dreams instead of running from your fears." – Unknown

I would not have made it through this long journey without the love and support from my family, friends, and God. I love you and thank you with all my heart. Congratulations and best of luck to all my fellow classmates!

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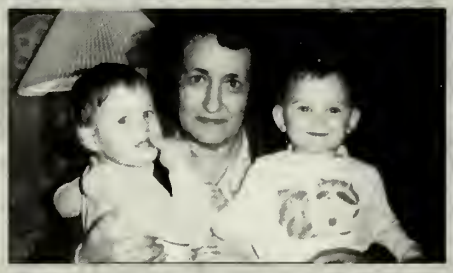
These past four years…
Mom, thank you for showing me that the heart's capacity for compassion and love is greater than I ever imagined. Dad, thank you for revealing that with love and commitment, one's Friday turns into Sunday. Christen, thank you for being my roomie, my bestest friend, and my Didta. Sandra, thank you for making my days' brighter just knowing you're a part of them. My Girls, your unwavering friendship was the calm to my medical school whirlwind; thank you for being you.



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A voyage of a thousand miles begins with the first step. What fuels that first step is a dream. It might be a dream of the ultimate distinction or of the journey towards a destination. My dream was to become a physician, and that dream has finally come true! This is dedicated to my guardian angels: Auntie Happy, Auntie Theresa, and Grandpa. Although I lost you all during this journey, I know I have succeeded and will continue to succeed with you watching over me.

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Sarah: You are everything in my life. I love you so much.
Dad, Mom, Ramy and Rania: Thank you very much for your love and support throughout these years.
Friends: Thank you for our relationship and your encouragement.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" - Luke 6:31

Kevin M. Gershuny, D.O.

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Thank you to all the family I've made at UMDNJ-SOM - especially the ridiculous ones. The next time I see someone hurl a blunt object in a breakout room, help a friend fish keys out of a gutter twice in the same week, write a low yield study guide, or just not ever know what to do - I will think of my friends at UMDNJ.

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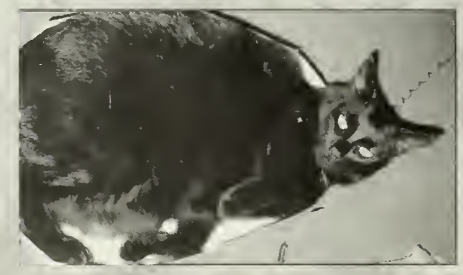

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"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it come true."
- Richard Bach

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To my parents who believed in this dream more than I did at times-Thank you for my first medical kit. I love you both. Thank you to my family and friends for their support and love.

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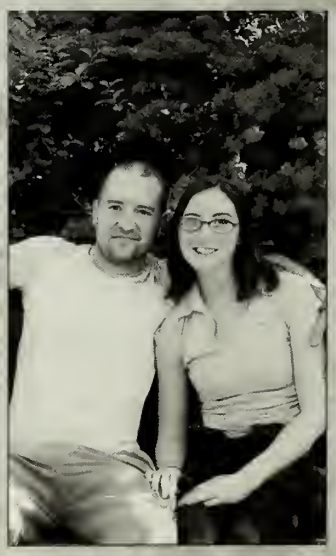
For me, the completion of medical school represents strength of will over self-doubt, optimism in place of pessimism and the interconnectedness of all things. I am incredibly grateful to the legions of family, friends, professors, mentors and patients who over the years before and during medical school provided the challenges and successes that make it all worthwhile and persistently interesting. Thanks again. Peace be with you.

"Mind the light, and dwell in it, and it will keep you atop of all the world" – George Fox



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"The world is so constructed, that if you wish to enjoy its pleasures, you must also endure its pains. Whether you like it or not, you cannot have one without the other." - Swami Brahmananda.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009 for getting through the pains of medical school, I wish us all the opportunity to enjoy the pleasures the rest of the world has to offer. Thanks to God for the blessings and Grace. Thanks to my family, Shaun and friends for all their love and support.

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"Every moment of your life is infinitely creative and the universe is endlessly bountiful. Just put forth a clear enough request, and everything your heart desires must come to you." - Shakti Gawain

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"Reach for the moon, so that if you don't quite make it you can at least land on the stars"

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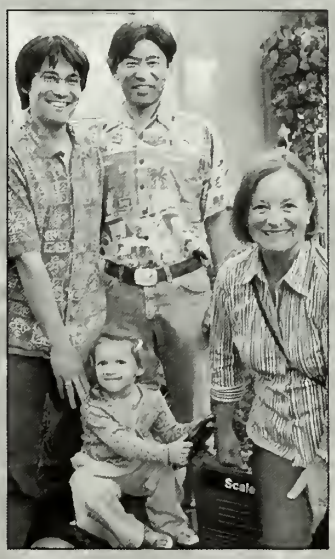
To God: Thanks for existing and being there. To Jemila: Thanks for your love, encouragement, and for being you. To all of my parents: Thanks for your wisdom, support, and guidance. To Nika, Gabriel, and Avriana: Thanks for your love and making life fun! To my friends and classmates: I hope you all enjoy life and derive meaning from your practice. To those who have taught me about medicine: Thanks for the lessons, and for the appreciation of questions that transcend answers.



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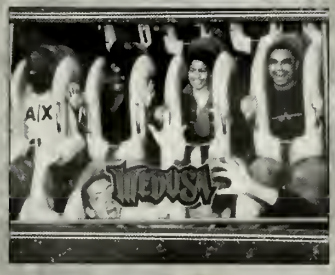

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In existence by the Bread of Life; Christ
Endowed with God's Spirit, Wisdom, and Might
Established in the perfect unfathomable Love of the God
Purposed by God to transform this world.

Grateful to God for the love and support of my mommy and pappy, to my beautiful and anointed sisters Vickie and Alex. I am thankful for the prayers, love, and support of my Church families: Eben Ezer and The Rock.

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"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light." -Albert Schweitzer.

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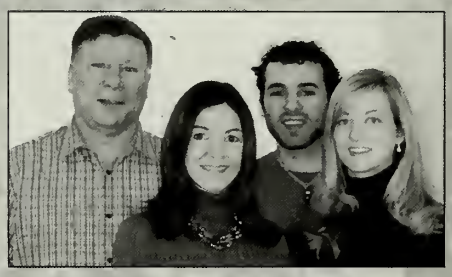

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"He is the best physician who is the most ingenious inspirer of hope."-Samuel Taylor Coleridge

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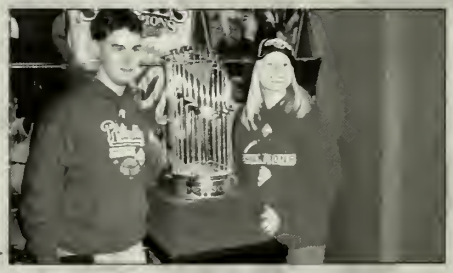

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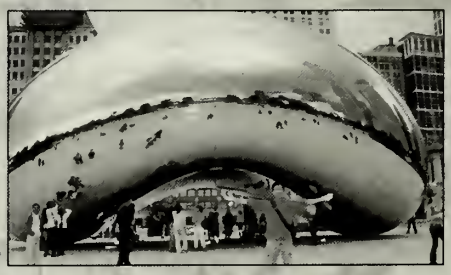

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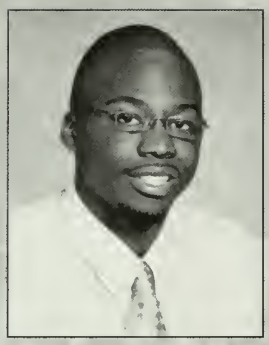

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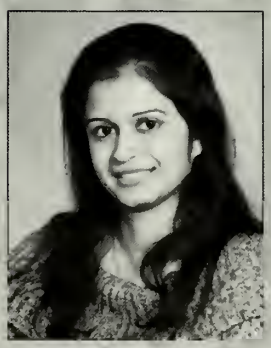

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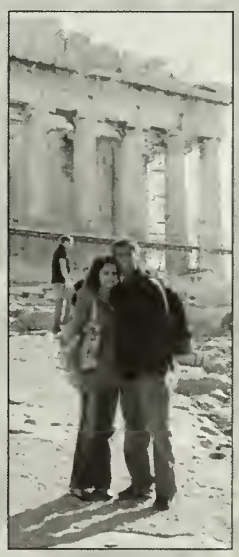

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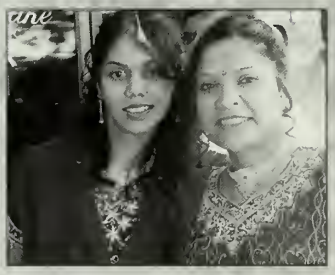

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As I continue my journey in medicine, I would like to thank my family & friends who have helped me and still continue to support me in my endeavors. Life is too short to waste away or hold grudges; one must make each day count. Knowing this, I make a promise to heal my patients not just with my hands, but also with my heart . . .

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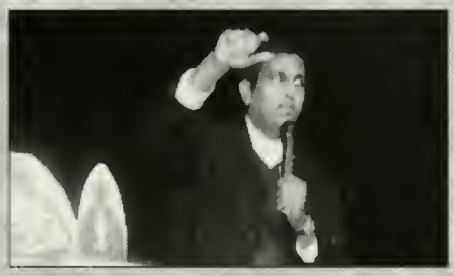
In the words of William Osler, "The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well." We are prepared and it's been a true honor and privilege. I was grateful for the opportunity to have served as both Class President and Vice-president. I am extremely proud of our class and I hope we embark on our careers as physicians together to serve and better our communities with the same passion and conviction we have always demonstrated. "I'm still standing behind you."



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Dear Colleagues,
In a mere 4 years we've come far together. Thank you for your support, friendship, and fun times!
I wish you all the best in the next step of training. Lastly, always remember: Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died; you can't fix stupid; and for the majority of these patients smoking is beneficial!
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"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because some day in your life you will have been all of these."
~ George Washington Carver

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May the most you wish for be the least you get.
May the best times you've ever had be the worst you will ever see.

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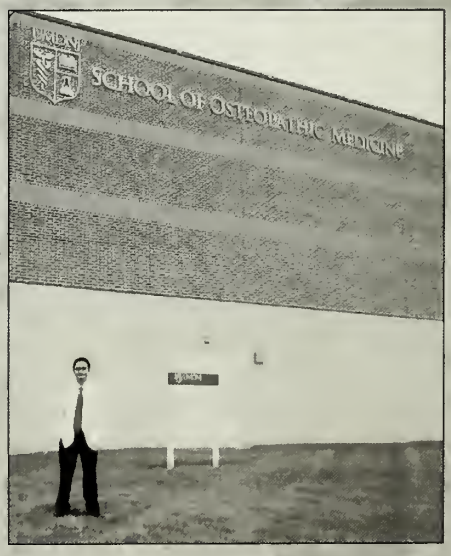

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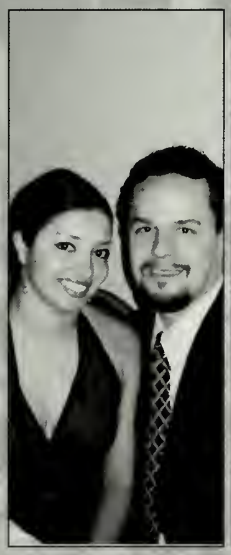

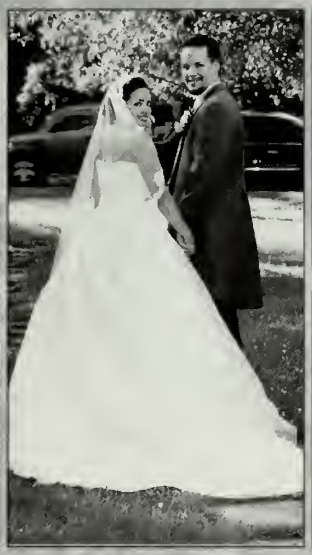

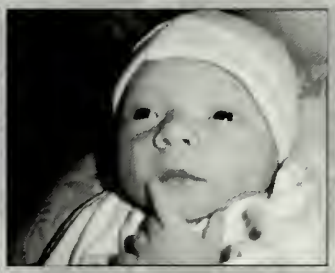

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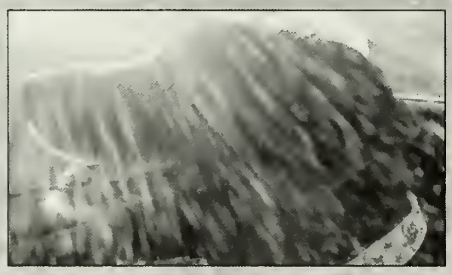
"People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.
The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.
Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.
In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway." ~ Mother Teresa



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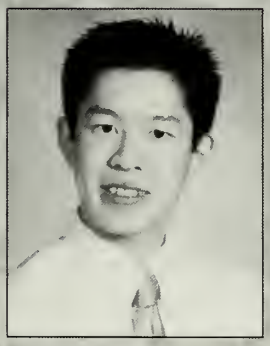

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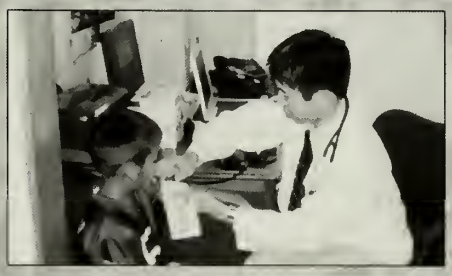
It was a pleasure to spend four years with such a great group of friends. Our time in medical school went by too quickly, and at times, not quickly enough. Once again, I want to thank my family for all their support and understanding. I wish everyone the best of luck in future endeavors, health and happiness. Congratulations Class of 2009 and don't forget to have fun out there!



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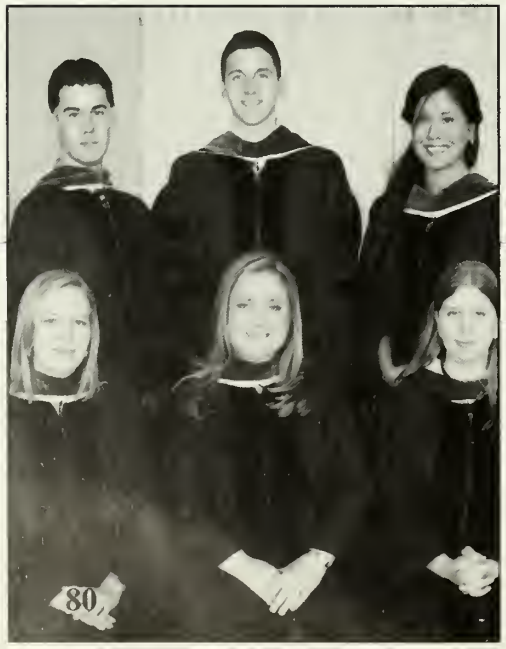

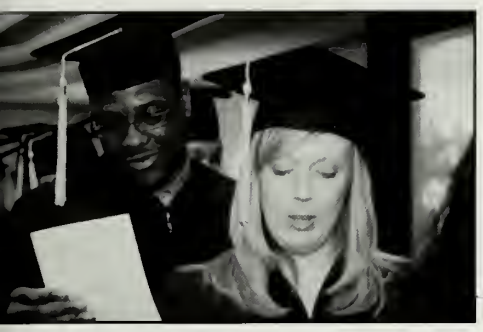

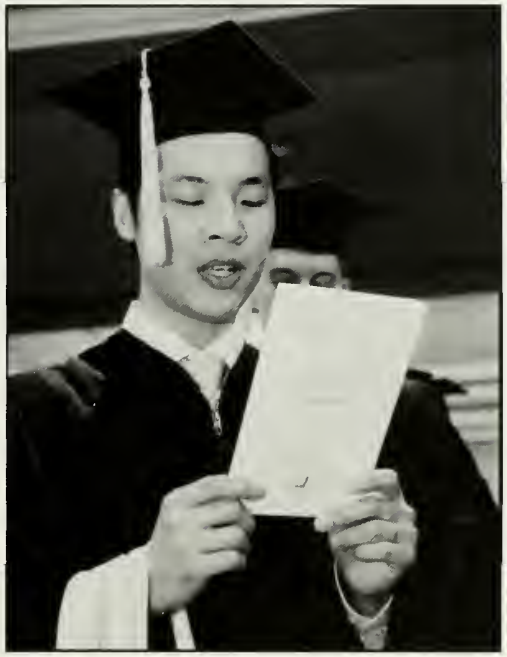
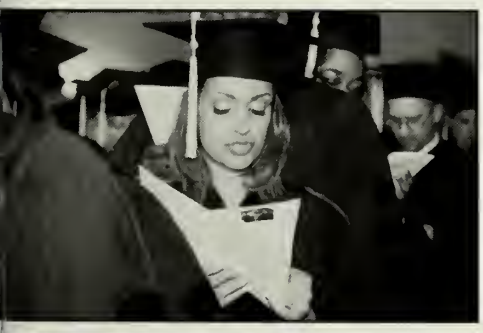
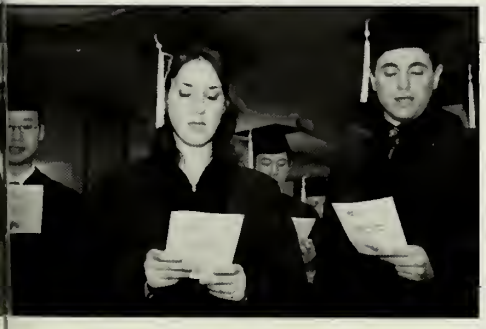

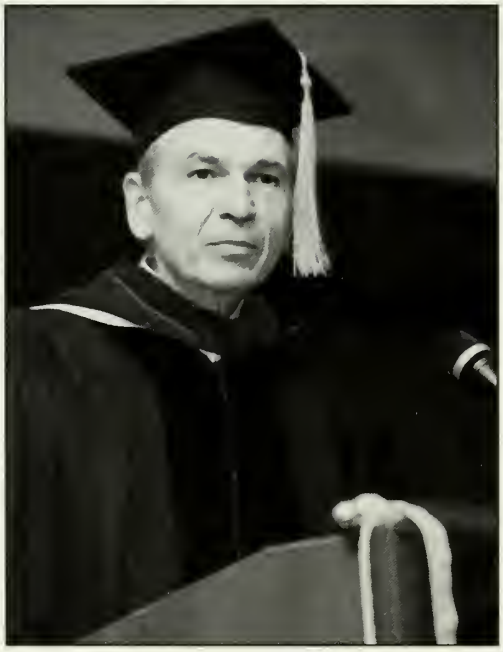

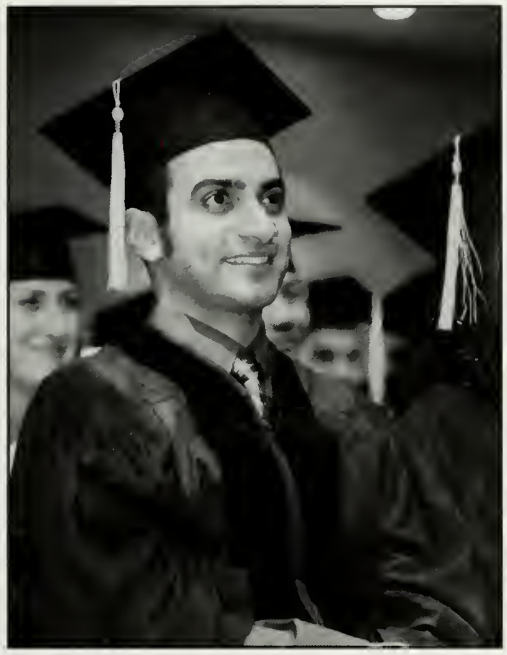

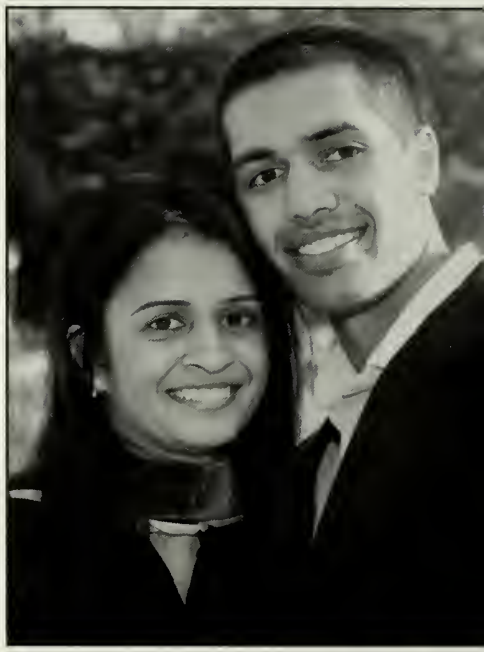

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THE 2009 YEARBOOK COMMITTEE:

(l-r) Cynthia Isedeh, Yogita Tailor, Kate Whitehouse and Parita Sahani

Dear Class of 2009,

It seems like just moments ago that we were handed our white coats, embarking on a journey to become physicians. The path was long and arduous and wrought with unexpected bends and decisive forks. With the help of friendly companions, wise mentors, and loving support, we hav navigated our way to graduation. Years from now when you reflect back on your time at UMDN SOM, we hope that you will remember more than just your career milestones. May this book serve as a souvenir of personal growth, friendships formed, love found, and aspirations attained

We would like to acknowledge our friends, Cynthia and Parita, for their positive energy and cre ative ideas in designing and organizing this yearbook. Thank you for making our work sessions full of laughter. We would also like to acknowledge Heather, Jen and Denny who volunteered their time and input in this development process.

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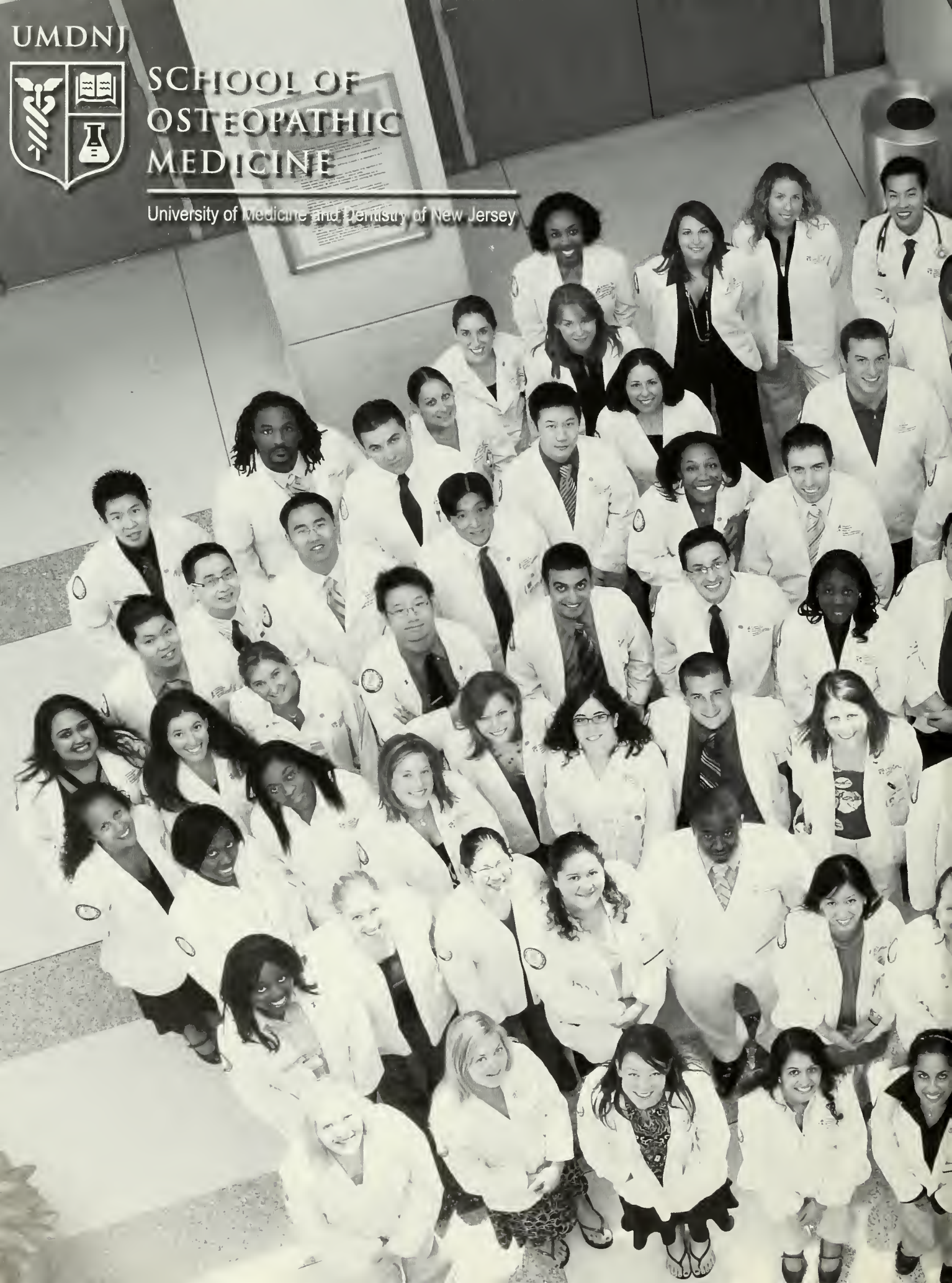
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